the Central Government have to send initially, quarterly and annual progress reports to the State Governments and to the Central Government. After the projects are completed, the agencies are required to submit detailed audited accounts.

Increase in the amount for maintenance of National Highways

4005. DR. NARREDDY THULASY REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what amount of money is proposed to be allocated per Km. for the maintenance of National Highways;

(b) when was the said rate fixed; and

(c) whether there is any proposal of increasing this rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Allocation for maintenance of National Highways is not made on Kilometre basis but on pro-rata basis dependending upon the availability of resources.

(b) and (c) Physical norms of maintenance were fixed in 1968 and these are up-dated from time to time on the basis of price index.

Extension of Metro Railway, Calcutta

4006. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) when the construction of the stretch of the Metro Railway Calcutta from Shyambazar to Esplanade is going to be completed;

(b) whether Government have any scheme of extending Metro Railway from Tollygunge to Garia, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have received any requests from any quarter for the extension of Metro Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) By June 1991, subject to the immediate handing over of the remaining 12 plots of land required for the construction of the Metro, by the State Government of West Bengal.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Irregularity in flights from Calcutta to Malda and Balurghat

4007. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding irregularity and unpunctuality of Vayudoot flights from Calcutta to Malda and Balurghat;

(b) what steps Government are taking to remedy those complaints and regularise the flights; and

(c) whether any new flight is going to be started by Vayudoot in West Bengal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No, Sir. No such communication has been received in the past.

(b) Vayudoot services to Malda and Balurghat are temporarily suspended pending repairs to the airfield at Malda which has become unserviceable after the heavy monsoons.

(c) No, Sir.

Opening of primary schools by Municipal Corporation of Delhi

4008. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Education Department of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has prepared a list of localities for opening of primary schools during the academic year 1988-89; and if so, what are the localities included in the list;

(b) whether Vasant Bihar CPWD Complex was also included in the said List where no Primary School has so far been opened by MCD despite allotment of two